## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of:       |                         | ) |                        |
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|                             |                         | : | Examiner: E. Martello  |
| HIDEO NORO, ET AL.          |                         | ) |                        |
|                             |                         | : | Group Art Unit: 2628   |
| Application No.: 10/594,114 |                         | ) |                        |
|                             |                         | : | Confirmation No.: 7038 |
| Filed: September 25, 2006   |                         | ) |                        |
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| For:                        | IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD | ) | October 6, 2009        |
|                             | AND IMAGE PROCESSING    | : |                        |
|                             | APPARATUS               | ) |                        |

## **Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2009, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: